

APPENDIX A

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25. (Amended) A laryngeal mask construction, including:

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- (A) a generally elliptical inflatable ring defining a distal end, the ring being adapted for sealed engagement to a laryngeal inlet of a patient;
 - (B) a backing plate defining an air inlet, the backing plate being sealed to the ring, the backing plate establishing a laryngeal-chamber side and a pharyngeal-chamber side of the construction;
 - (C) an inflatable back cushion disposed on the pharyngeal-chamber side, the back cushion when inflated contacting a pharyngeal wall of the patient and biasing the ring away from the pharyngeal wall; and
 - (D) a tubular conduit defining a distal end, the distal end of the tubular conduit being disposed near the distal end of the ring for communication with an esophageal inlet of the patient, a first portion of the conduit being adhered to a portion of the back cushion, a second portion of the conduit being adhered to a portion of the backing plate, the first portion extending from a first location to a second location, the first location being near the distal end of the tubular conduit, the second location being spaced apart from the first location in a direction towards a center of the generally elliptical inflatable ring.

27. (Amended) A laryngeal mask construction including:

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- (A) a mask adapted for positioning inside of a patient near the patient's larynx, a central plane dividing the construction into a left portion and a right portion;
 - (B) an airway tube coupled to the mask, at least a portion of the airway tube extending away from the mask and defining a central axis, the central axis of the portion of the airway tube being disposed on one side of the central plane; and
 - (C) a gastric discharge tube coupled to the mask, at least a portion of the discharge tube extending away from the mask and defining a central axis, the central axis of the portion of the discharge tube being disposed on the other side of the central plane.

30. (Twice Amended) A device, including:

- (A) an airway tube for supplying air to a patient;
- (B) an evacuation tube for communication with an esophageal inlet of the patient;

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(C) a mask adapted for sealed engagement with a laryngeal inlet of the patient, the mask including a back cushion for contacting a pharyngeal wall of the patient and biasing at least part of the mask away from the pharyngeal wall, a first portion of the back cushion being sealed to a first portion of the evacuation tube, the first portion of the back cushion extending from a first location to a second location, the first location being near a distal end of the evacuation tube, the second location being spaced apart from the first location in a direction towards a center of the mask.

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39. (New) A device, including:

- (A) an airway tube for supplying air to a patient;
- (B) an evacuation tube extending from a proximal end to a distal end, the distal end being adapted for communication with an esophageal inlet of the patient;

(C) a mask adapted for sealed engagement with a laryngeal inlet of the patient, the mask including a back cushion for contacting a pharyngeal wall of the patient and biasing at least part of the mask away from the pharyngeal wall, a first portion of the evacuation tube being sealed to a portion of the back cushion, the first portion of the evacuation tube extending from near the distal end of the evacuation tube towards the proximal end of the evacuation tube.
